

# Phi Delta Chi Alpha Sigma Alumni Association



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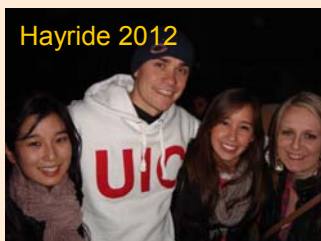


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### Smoker — September 20th, 2013

The PDC pledges were treated to a wonderful time at this year’s “Smoker” held in Greektown at the Parthenon Restaurant. This pledge event is an opportunity for the students interested in Phi Delta Chi to meet many of the actives and alumni of the chapter. This year the Alpha Sigma Chapter has 72 pledges. This is not a misprint. In our chapter’s 61 year history, this is by far the largest pledge class. A special thanks goes out to those alumni who attended this years event. Alex Chew ‘13, Kirk DeBuck ‘13, Brian Monzon ‘13, Chris Ziganto ‘13, Kevin Block ‘12, Lara Ellinger ‘10, Tara (Gleason) Dymon ‘09, Beatrice Drambarean ‘07, Chris Dymon ‘04, Adam Kielbasa ‘04, Anita Staron ‘94, Walter Staron ‘92, Dominick Zotta ‘85, Ray Traficante ‘72 and Ron Koch ‘70

### Fall Events Schedule

#### HAUNTED HAYRIDE 10-11-13

The Collegiate Chapter is hosting it’s annual hayride and bonfire at the Forest View Farms located at 16717 South Lockwood Ave, Tinley Park, IL. The hayride starts at 9:30 PM and the ride last about a half hour followed by a bonfire that lasts one hour. All of the hayride wagons are completely full and booked by the actives and the large pledge class. Approximately 150 people are expected to attend. There are no open spots left for the hayride but if anyone is interested in meeting pledges and actives at the bonfire after the hayride just show up about 9:45PM. The Alumni Chapter will be providing hotdogs and brats to grill over the fire. Alcohol is permitted on the property but GLASS containers are against the rules.

#### Founder’s Day - Nov 1, 2013

The collegiate chapter has decided to celebrate Founder’s Day at WhirlyBall (1880 W. Fullerton, Chicago). Alumni are invited to this fun filled event. The festivities will begin at 5:00 PM. If interested please contact Christopher Dao the Worthy Alumni Liaison for more information at: [alumni.alphasigma.pdc@gmail.com](mailto:alumni.alphasigma.pdc@gmail.com)



Let us not forget that 130 years ago, on November 2, 1883, eleven men at the University of Michigan formed what is now the Phi Delta Chi Fraternity.

#### Brotherhood Night 11-8-13 at the College of Pharmacy

#### Initiation 11-15-13 at the College of Pharmacy

If you are planning on attending either evening event please contact the PDC faculty advisor for more information via email:

Beatrice Drambarean ..... [Bdramb1@UIC.EDU](mailto:Bdramb1@UIC.EDU)



# Smoker 2013 — Parthenon Restaurant



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Receiving Pledge Pins



Pledge Class of 2013



Alumni Brothers



PDC E-BOARD



Brother Dominick Zotta with the UIC Pharmacy Externs



## The Compounding Corner

### Salt Forms of Drugs in Creams

Recently, I have seen a number of compounded formulations for topical use having a salt of a weak acid (e.g. Diclofenac Na) or a salt of a weak base (Cyclobenzaprine HCl) in a cream. As we all know, salts carry a charge on the molecule and these charged molecules cannot pass through skin tissue by passive, non-ionic diffusion. I would advise one to avoid compounding salt forms of drugs into a formulation that is intended for topical use where one expects the drug to be absorbed through the skin and be therapeutically efficacious. Most muscle relaxants and NSAIDs which are salt forms of drugs are intended for oral use and have proven efficacy only for oral use. Also, a weak acid salt and a weak base salt should never be compounded together for one then obtains an ion pair that will likely develop even in a cream. What should one do when they get a request for such a formulation? First, I would suggest you "Google" the drug or do a similar literature search to see if there is any data that supports topical use. Finding none, I would call the physician who wrote the prescription and ask him for information that supports such usage. Having none, you should be able to ask the physician to change or cancel the prescription. If there is data, have him FAX you a copy and check to be sure the data was published in a reputable, peer reviewed publication [e.g. not in the Journal of Irreproducible Results]. From the article, one should be able to tell where the study obtained the drug and whether the drug was a free acid, a free base or the neutral, uncharged form of the drug.

**Have questions about compounding? Please call Brother Ron Koch [708-710-7916].**

Your dues and donations help us to continue funding the PDC Memorial Scholarship Fund, and most of all, help the Collegiate Chapter with travel expenses to National PDC and Professional Meetings.

If you know of any fellow Brothers who are not getting this newsletter, please feel free to pass this newsletter along so we can continue to grow and continue to be the leading Alumni Chapter of Phi Delta Chi!

*To all the Brothers that have already joined our alumni chapter, we thank you!!!*

### Alpha Sigma Alumni Association Membership Form 2013-2014

Name of Alum: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Area of Pharmacy Practice: \_\_\_\_\_

**Voluntary Donation to the PDC Alumni Association - Alpha Sigma Chapter (enter amount): \$ \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Yearly dues (June 1<sup>st</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup>) are \$20 per alum.**

Dues can be paid by check, money order, and now online at: **Sorry, our WEB page is under repair**

Please make all payments out to: **Phi Delta Chi Alumni Association**  
 Mail payments to: **Walter Staron - 10620 Grandview Drive - Palos Park, IL. 60464**  
**Alumni Brothers from all chapters are welcome to join our Alumni Association!**